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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: POL COUNSELOR APRIL 9 MET WITH AND DISCUSSED AT GREAT LENGTH WITH DRS. EMILIO FIGUEREDO AND ROSARIO ORELLANDA OF VENEZUELAN LOS PREPARATORY COMMITTEE THE US POSITION ON VARIOUS LOS ISSUES DESCRIBED IN REFERENCES B-H. POL COUNSELOR CAREFULLY EXPLAINED US POSITION AS SET OUT IN REFERENCES B-H AND LEFT WITH FIGUEREDO AND ORELLANA THE APPROPRIATE ATTACHMENTS TO THE REPAIRS. FIGUEREDO SAID HE WOULD SEE THAT INTERESTED GOV AGENCIES RECEIVE
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COPIES OF THESE ATTACHEMENTS. END SUMMARY. REACTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

2. REFERENCE B (TERRITORIAL SEAS AND STRAITS) - FIGUEREDO SAID HE WAS ENTIRELY FAMILIAR WITH THE US POSITION ON THIS ISSUE AND REGARDED THE PROBLEM OF TRANSIT THROUGH AND OVER INTERNATIONAL STRAITS AS ONE OF THE THORNIEST TO BE RESOLVED BY THE LOS CONFERENCE. POL COUNSELOR EMPHASIZED THE FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE THE USG ATTACHES TO THIS ISSUE AND THE REASONS WHY. FIGUEREDO NOTED THE INTRANSIGENCE OF CERTAIN ARCHIPELAGO STATES BUT INDICATED GOV IS FLEXIBLE ON THIS ISSUE WHICH, HE INDICATED, WAS NOT A VITAL ONE FOR VENEZUELA. HE ALSO OBSERVED THAT "INNOCENT PASSAGE" NEEDS TO BE DEFINED WITH GREATER PRECISION.

3. REFERENCE C (MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH) - POL COUNSELOR DISCUSSED US CONCERNS, STRESSING US DESIRE THAT SUCH RESEARCH BE AS FREE FROM UNILATERAL IMPEDIMENTS AS POSSIBLE AND EMPHASIZING DISTINCTION BETWEEN OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AND COMMERCIAL EXPLORATION. UNFORTUNATELY, FIGUEREDO APPEARED TO BE LEANING TOWARD COASTAL STATE CONTROL OVER ALL MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN RESOURCE AREAS. POL COUNSELOR NOTED US WILLINGNESS FOR RESEARCH DATA TO BE SHARED BY COASTAL STATES AND IN FACT BY ALL NATIONS, AND ALLUDED TO THE UNDESIRABILITY OF A NETWORK OF CONFLICTING UNILATERAL REQUIREMENTS EVOLVING WHICH COULD ONLY STIFLE SATISFACTION OF THE EVER-INCREASING NEED FOR MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

4. REFERENCE D (MARINE POLLUTION) - POL COUNSELOR REVIEWED US POSITION ON THE FOUR SOURCES OF MARINE POLLUTION, DWELLING PARTICULARLY ON CONTINENTAL SHELF ACTIVITIES AND VESSEL-SOURCE POLLUTION. FIGUEREDO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT MEPC IS DOMINATED BY THE LARGER MARITIME POWERS. POL COUNSELOR RESPONDED THAT US AIM IS FOR EXCLUSIVELY INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR VESSEL-SOURCE POLLUTION; WE HAVE PROPOSED THAT IMCO HAVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS PROBLEM BECAUSE NO OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATION EXISTS, BUT SHOULD A CONSENSUS DEVELOP FOR SOME DIFFERENT INTERNATIONAL BODY TO ESTABLISH AND REGULATE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS, US WOULD BE WILLING TO SUPPORT ANY REASONABLE PROPOSAL.

5. REFERENCE E (ZONE-LOCKED STATES) - FIGUEREDO WAS AWARE OF THIS PROBLEM AND ITS POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON VENEZUELA.

6. REFERENCE F (PROVISIONAL APPLICATION OF THE LOS CONVENTION) -
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FIGUEREDO ALSO INDICATED AWARENESS OF THIS PROBLEM. GOV WILL BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING OF THE DETAILED US PROPOSAL ON THIS SUBJECT.

7. REFERENCE G (COASTAL SEABED RESOURCE ISSUE) - FIGUEREDO WAS NON-COMMITTAL AS TO THIS ISSUE. CLEARLY, THE GOV'S PRIME CONCERN IS OVER ITS DISPUTE WITH COLOMBIA OVER THE GULF OF VENEZUELA. HE DID COMMENT FAVORABLY ON US DESIRE FOR (1) LIMITATIONS TO ENSURE THAT COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION NOT BE EXPANDED TO PLENARY

CONTROL OVER THE AREA AND (2) VIRTUALLY COMPLETE COASTAL STATE
MANAGEMENT JURISDICTION OVER SEABED RESOURCES ADJACENT AREAS.
FIGUEREDO DID NOT SEEM FAMILIAR WITH THE US PROPOSAL ON REVENUE-
SHARING.

8. REFERENCE H (US AMENDMENTS TO CONFERENCE RULES OF PROCEDURE) -
FIGUEREDO'S REACTION WAS FAVORABLE TO THE US PROPOSAL. TEXT OF
US AMENDMENTS WAS READ TO FIGUEREDO AND LEFT WITH HIM.

9. REFERENCE I (COMPULSORY DISPUTE SETTLEMENT) - FIGUEREDO EXPRESSED
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